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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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Greetings!

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) seeks interested lead local government entities to apply for federal matching funds available for **Home Visiting Services (HVS) Pilots** through a service expansion initiative of the State of Maryland's Medicaid §1115 HealthChoice Waiver. DHMH is facilitating application for federal matching funds for the following Pilot program: Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services (HVS) for High Risk Pregnant Women and Children Up to Age Two (2) Years. The HVS Pilot application must be completed by a lead local government entity (Lead Entity), such as a local health department or local management board, with the ability to fund fifty percent (50%) of Pilot costs with local dollars through an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) process. Lead Entities will also be required to provide leadership and coordinate with key community partners to deliver the programs.

The HVS Pilot will be effective from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021 and is scheduled to be funded for the 4½ years duration of the waiver. Up to \$2.7 in matching federal funds are available annually, and when combined with the local non-federal share, HVS Pilot expenditures may total up to \$5.4 million annually. This is a competitive funding opportunity.

The **Request for Applications (RFA)** announcement is attached. The RFA outlines the requirements for the application, including the anticipated timeline, the required application components, application selection criteria, and relevant supporting material. Also attached is a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** document to assist applicants in preparing their submission. Please submit an application in accordance with the RFA instructions. **Applications must be physically received by DHMH by 5:00 PM, July 21, 2017.** Applications will only be accepted by way of U.S. Mail, courier express mail, or hand delivery to the following address: Tricia Roddy, Director, Office of Health Care Financing - Planning Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, room 224, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. In addition to the hard copy of the application, we are requesting that an electronic copy also be sent to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov by 5:00 PM, July 21, 2017.

An informational webinar is scheduled for June 21, 2017 from 1:30-3:00 PM to provide technical assistance and answer questions from interested prospective lead entities and participating entities on the application process. Interested applicants are encouraged to address questions to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov.

Thank you for your interest in Medicaid's HVS Pilot initiative.